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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☒ was filed on January 14, 2002 as  
☒ Serial No. 10/047,673 or  
☐ Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No.-not yet known  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If applicable)*
- (c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_. *(If any)*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY OF EARLIER FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

*(List prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 months (6 months for design) prior to this U.S. application.)*

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COUNTRY (orPCT)	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (Day/Month/Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List prior U.S. applications or PCT International applications designating the U.S. for benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120.)

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### 35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith:

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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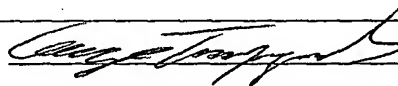
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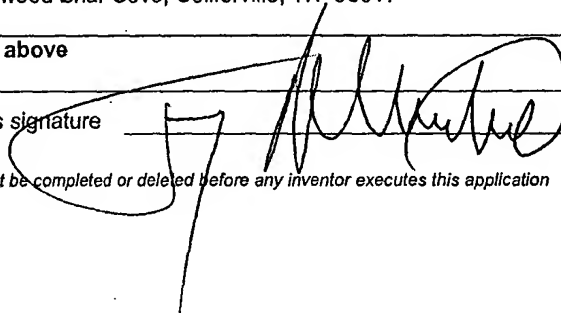
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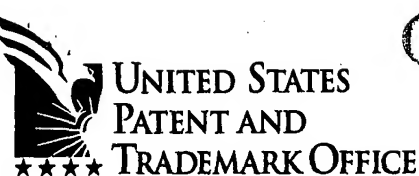
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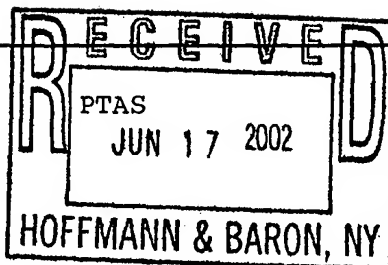
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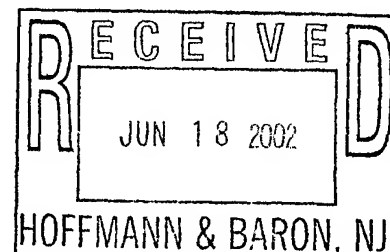
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George Triantopoulos  
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Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies)

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment

☐ Merger

☐ Security Agreement

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☐ Other

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

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4. Application number(s) or patent numbers(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

10/047,673

B. Patent No.(s)

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Rohini K. Garg

Name of Person Signing

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**Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention**  
**(Multiple inventors; single assignee)**

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*This is an Assignment of the following rights, title and interest: (check all that apply):*

☒ *United States of America rights, title and interest in the invention*

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*Title of the Invention*

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*Whereas, we, the above-identified Inventors, have invented certain new and useful improvements in the Invention identified above and described in the above-identified patent application(s) and/or patent(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Invention");*

*And, whereas we desire to assign our above-identified rights, title and interest in the Invention to the above-identified Assignee;*

*Now, this indenture witnesseth, that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged;*

*We hereby assign, sell and transfer our above-identified rights, title and interest in said Invention, said application(s) as identified above, including any divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted or have granted for said Invention, and in and to any and all reissues and reexaminations thereof, and in and to any and all priority rights, Convention rights, and other benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, unto said Assignee;*

*And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any United States Letters Patent which may issue for said Invention to said Assignee, as assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;*

*And we further agree to sign and execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including applications for foreign patents, for filing divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application for patent, and/or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid Invention, as the Assignee or its Designee(s) may from time to time require and prepare at its own expense.*

*Inventors' Signatures (if Notarization is desired, do not sign here and proceed to next page)*

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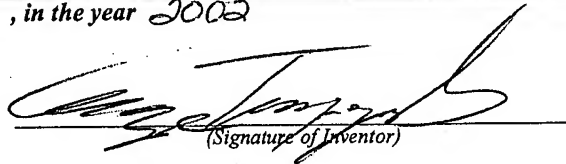
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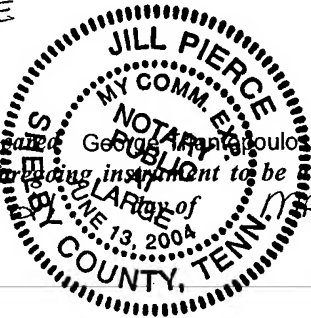
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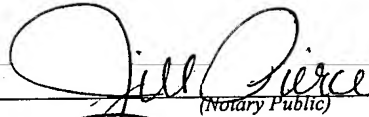
  
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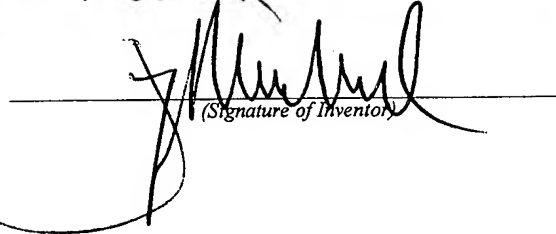
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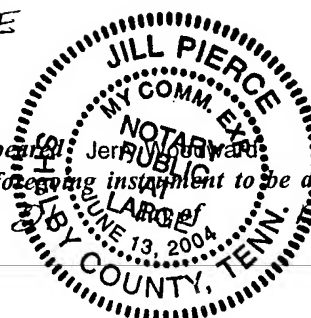
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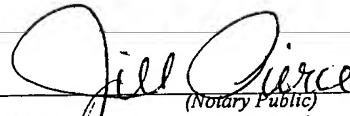
  
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